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Thread: [Installing Windows 7 alongside Windows 8.1](#)

mrnapolean1 - January 24, 2015, 2:32 pm

I have a Toshiba Satellite L50-B Laptop that shipped with Windows 8.1.

I would like to dualboot Windows 7 Ultimate with this. I have already disabled Secureboot (within the UEFI BIOS) and it will read my Windows 7 Ultimate x64 DVD until the Starting Windows animation.

It will freeze while trying to play the animation.

My Windows 7 x64 Flash drive will not load at all unless I switch the Mode in UEFI BIOS from UEFI to CSM.

Then it will work till I get to the Hard drive part. It says this: "Windows cannot be installed on this disk. The selected disk is of the GPT style."

Windows 8.1 will not load in CSM Mode. I have to change it back to UEFI Mode.

Now I get options from within Windows 8.1 to boot to the following:

- EFI Network
- EFI USB Device
- EFI DVD/CD ROM

Doing the EFI USB Device option will not boot my Flash drive.

Any suggestions to get Windows 7 Ultimate x64 without wiping and losing Windows 8.1?

Freebooter - January 24, 2015, 2:53 pm

Are you sure the Windows OS ISO you downloaded is not damaged because it could be corrupted which will cause installation problem. Use Rufus program to create UEFI USB installation media from Windows 7 ISO file. Download Windows 7 ISO from below website.

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mrnapolean1 - January 24, 2015, 6:37 pm

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The ISO File was created from an Official Holographic Windows 7 Ultimate x64 Installation Disc using a program called IMG Burn.

I have done many installs with this ISO So I am pretty sure its not corrupt.

For my flash drive, I used the [Windows 7 DVD to USB Tool from Microsoft](#).

Freebooter - January 24, 2015, 7:07 pm

Have you not even going to try my advice to you about creating a UEFI USB installation media with Rufus program.

mrnapolean1 - January 24, 2015, 8:24 pm

(Jan 24, 2015 08:07 PM)Freebooter Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Have you not even going to try my advice to you about creating a UEFI USB installation media with Rufus program.

I am going to do that tomorrow. I will post back with the results.